

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
EASTERN DIVISION

TIMOTHY G. COFFMAN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
)	
VS.)	No. 16-1329-JDT-cgc
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PAUL THOMAS, ET AL.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

ORDER DISMISSING CASE WITHOUT PREJUDICE
AND ASSESSING \$400 CIVIL FILING FEE

On May 5, 2016, *pro se* prisoner Plaintiffs Barry D. Mathias, Timothy G. Coffman, Richard L. Casey, Jr. and James A. Williams filed a complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, which was opened as case number 16-1091-JDT-cgc. (ECF No. 1.) At the time, all four Plaintiffs were incarcerated at the Gibson County Correctional Complex in Trenton, Tennessee; however, Plaintiff Coffman subsequently notified the Court that he was at the Carroll County Jail in Huntingdon, Tennessee. (ECF No. 9.) On March 17, 2017, the Court severed the Plaintiffs' claims and directed the Clerk to open separate cases for Coffman, Casey and Williams. (ECF No. 11 at 3.) Accordingly, Plaintiff Coffman's claims were opened as case number 16-1329-JDT-cgc. On April 25, 2017, the Court issued an order noting that Plaintiff Coffman's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* was not accompanied by a copy of his inmate trust account statement for the preceding six months, as required by

the Prison Litigation Reform Act (“PLRA”), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b), and requiring him to submit the document within 30 days. (ECF No. 14.) Plaintiff also was warned that failure to comply would result in denial of leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, assessment of the \$400 filing fee without regard to the PLRA’s installment procedures, and dismissal of the action for failure to prosecute. (*Id.* at 2-3.)

Plaintiff has not submitted his inmate trust account statement or paid the \$400 civil filing fee, and the time for compliance has expired. Therefore, the complaint is hereby **DISMISSED** without prejudice for failure to prosecute, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

Notwithstanding the dismissal of this action, the Court is still required to assess the civil filing fee, since the responsibility for paying the filing fee accrues at the time the complaint is filed. *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 607 (6th Cir. 1997), *partially overruled on other grounds by LaFountain v. Harry*, 716 F.3d 944, 951 (6th Cir. 2013); *cf. In re Alea*, 286 F.3d 378, 381-82 (6th Cir. 2002) (dismissal of civil action filed by prisoner pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) did not obviate the obligation to pay the filing fee).

It is **ORDERED** that Plaintiff cooperate fully with prison officials in carrying out this order. It is further **ORDERED** that the trust fund officer at Plaintiff’s prison shall withdraw from Plaintiff’s trust account the sum of \$400 and forward that amount to the Clerk of this Court. If the funds in Plaintiff’s account are insufficient to pay the full amount of the civil filing fee, the prison official is instructed to withdraw all of the funds in Plaintiff’s account and forward them to the Clerk of Court. On each occasion that funds are subsequently

credited to Plaintiff's account, the prison official shall immediately withdraw those funds and forward them to the Clerk of Court, until the civil filing fee is paid in full. The trust account officer is not required to remit any balance less than \$10, unless that amount would constitute the final installment of the civil filing fee, provided that any balance under \$10 is held in custody for purposes of paying the civil filing fee in this action and is promptly remitted to the Clerk when sufficient funds are deposited into Plaintiff's account to bring the balance to \$10.

Each time that the trust account officer makes a payment to the Court as required by this order, he shall print a copy of the prisoner's account statement showing all activity in the account since the last payment under this order and file it with the Clerk along with the payment. All payments and account statements shall be sent to:

Clerk, United States District Court, Western District of Tennessee
111 S. Highland Ave., Room 262, Jackson, TN 38301

and shall clearly identify Plaintiff's name and the case number as it appears on the first page of this order. If Plaintiff is transferred to a different prison or released, he is ORDERED to notify the Court immediately of his change of address. If still confined, he shall provide the officials at the new prison with a copy of this order. If Plaintiff fails to abide by these or any other requirements of this order, the Court may impose appropriate sanctions, including a monetary fine or restrictions on Plaintiff's ability to file future lawsuits in this Court, without any additional notice or hearing.

The Clerk is ORDERED to mail a copy of this order to the prison official in charge of inmate trust accounts at the Plaintiff's prison. The Clerk is further ORDERED to forward a copy of this order to the Administrator of the Carroll County Jail to ensure that the custodian of Plaintiff's inmate trust account complies with that portion of the PLRA pertaining to the payment of filing fees.

The Clerk is directed to prepare a judgment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ **James D. Todd**
JAMES D. TODD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE